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Resolution No. 12-075

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE GRANT TO MAP AND STUDY GROUNDWATER RECHARGE IN BUTTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 303 in 2000 to assist local agencies in the development of groundwater studies, groundwater monitoring and groundwater management programs; and

WHEREAS, this legislation has been codified under the California State Water Code as Sections 10795 et seq. as the Local Groundwater Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, the Local Groundwater Assistance Act Grant Program has been appropriated funding in 2012 State budget through Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 75001 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, grant funding is being made available on a competitive basis to fund local groundwater management programs; and

WHEREAS, Butte County established policies to protect groundwater through the Groundwater Management Plan adopted in 2004 and the Integrated Water Resource Plan adopted in 2005, and

WHEREAS, these plans specified policies to minimize the long-term drawdown of groundwater levels and to protect recharge area though zoning, and

WHEREAS, the Butte County General Plan 2030 includes an Action Item W-A3.1 that states, "Seek funding for and conduct comprehensive, countywide mapping of water resources and groundwater recharge areas" and an Action Item W-A 3.4 that states, "Seek funds and develop programs that improve the scientific understanding of regional aquifer systems and potential factors related to the sustainability of the county's water resources."

WHEREAS, the Department of Water and Resource Conservation has identified a project to produce a countywide groundwater recharge map, identify areas where groundwater recharge may be beneficial and to further investigate hydrologic and geologic conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Butte hereby authorize and directs the Department of Water and Resource Conservation to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations and file an application, and execute a grant agreement with the California Department of Water Resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Board of Supervisors this 26th day of June, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Connelly, Wahl, Kirk, Yamaguchi and Chair Lambert

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

NOT VOTING: None

Steve Lambert, Chair Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Chief Administrative Officer

and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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